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SUBJ: CALL ON MIROSLAW WOJCIECHOWSKI, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF  
INTERPRESS

1. MIROSLAW WOJCIECHOWSKI, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF  
INTERPRESS, DURING A CALL BY THE ADCM AND THE NEWLY ARRIVED  
P&C COUNSELOR, SAID THE MFA HAS LET IT KNOW THAT  
POLISH MEDIA SHOULD NOT ACCEPT P&C INVITATIONS TO PAR-  
TICIPATE IN THE PLANNED ECONOMIC JOURNALISTS'S  
TOUR TO WESTERN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS IN  
BRUSSELS, PARIS, AND GENEVA, SEPTEMBER 10-16. WOJCIECHOWSKI  
SAID HE DID NOT KNOW THE REASON FOR THE DECISION BUT PRO-  
MISED TO GET US AN EXPLANATION.  
HE ADDED THAT WE OUGHT NOT BE TOO CON-  
CERNED BECAUSE THERE ARE "ONLY A FEW PEOPLE IN MFA WHO  
FEEL THERE SHOULD BE NO POLISH INVOLVEMENT IN THE TOUR  
AND, BESIDES, IT IS NOT A BIG THING." IT  
SHOULD NOT, HE SAID, HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT  
ON OVERALL US-POLISH EXCHANGE-INFORMATION  
PROGRAMS. THE INTERPRESS DIRECTOR ASKED THAT  
WE DO NOTHING ABOUT THIS INFORMATION; THAT WE DO  
NOT LINK HIM TO IT; AND THAT WE WAIT UNTIL HE OBTAINS  
AN EXPLANATION BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION.

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2. WE SAID THAT IT MAY BE A "SMALL DECISION" FOR A  
FEW PEOPLE IN MFA BUT THAT WE WOULD FIND SUCH A  
DECISION DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN TO OUR SUPERIORS AND  
THAT IT MAY ALSO BE MISUNDERSTOOD IN WASHINGTON. WE  
ADDED THAT THE TRIP WAS BASICALLY THE SAME AS LAST  
YEAR'S TOUR AND WE FAILED TO SEE WHY IT WOULD BE A

PROBLEM THIS YEAR. WOJCIECHOWSKI HINTED THAT THE MAJOR PROBLEM WAS "NAMING NAMES", THAT WE INVITED SPECIFIC NEWSMEN. WE SAID THAT, AS FAR AS WE KNEW, ALL OF THE INVITED JOURNALISTS ARE GOOD COMMUNISTS WHO ARE PART OF THE ESTABLISHMENT. IF ANY OF THE PEOPLE WE INVITED ARE NOT ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TOUR WE WOULD BE WILLING TO TALK WITH THE EDITORS TO DISCUSS ALTERNATES. WE ADDED THAT THERE IS NOT MUCH TIME BETWEEN NOW AND THE SCHEDULED BEGINNING OF THE TOUR AND REQUESTED THAT WOJCIECHOWSKI USE HIS "GOOD OFFICES" TO INFLUENCE A REVERSAL OF THE MFA DECISION SOONEST.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE INVITED DAMIEL PASSENT/POLITYKA (HIS BOSS RAKOWSKI TOLD ADCM HE COULD GO); KRZYSTOF WOJNA/POLISHTV; KAZIMIERZ BILANOW OR EMIL PYRICH OF INTER-PRESS; AND JERZY GORSKI/PAP (HIS EDITOR REPLIED SAYING GORSKI COULD NOT PARTICIPATE AND NO SUBSTITUTE IS AVAILABLE). WE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF QUICK ACTION BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED TIME WE HAVE TO ARRANGE THE PROGRAM. WOJCIECHOWSKI PROMISED TO DO WHAT HE COULD BUT THE CHANCES FOR THE TOUR TAKING PLACE AS PLANNED ARE PROBABLY LESS THAN 50/50.

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